

**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the "Abstract" section with the following amended paragraph as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A gating system for controlling the flow of a flowable material through a passageway having an inlet and an outlet, the gating system includes: an inlet blade assembly between the passageway inlet and passageway outlet, the inlet blade assembly including an inlet blade and a drive for moving the inlet blade to open and closed positions with respect to the passageway; an outlet blade assembly between the inlet blade assembly and the passageway outlet, the outlet blade assembly including an outlet blade and a drive for moving the outlet blade to open and closed positions with respect to the passageway; and a control system ~~for controlling the~~ that drives for moving the inlet blade to its closed position before moving the outlet blade to its closed position with respect to the passageway, and ~~for moving~~ moves the outlet blade to its open position before moving the inlet blade to its open position ~~with respect to the passageway.~~